

On November 17, 1930, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**17799. Misbranding of Welch's Aegopodium for rheumatism and gout. U. S. v. 11 Dozen Bottles of Welch's Aegopodium for Rheumatism and Gout. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 25200. I. S. No. 6841. S. No. 3474.)**

Examination of samples of a drug product, known as Welch's Aegopodium for rheumatism and gout, from the herein-described interstate shipment having shown that the labels bore claims of curative and therapeutic properties that the article did not possess, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On October 13, 1930, the said United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 11 dozen bottles of Welch's Aegopodium for rheumatism and gout, remaining in the original unbroken packages at New Orleans, La., alleging that the article had been shipped by W. C. Welch, White Plains, N. Y., in part on or about October 26, 1929, and in part on or about March 1, 1930, and had been transported from the State of New York into the State of Louisiana, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of potassium iodide, colchicine, alcohol, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding its curative or therapeutic effects, appearing on the bottle label and in the accompanying circular, were false and fraudulent, since the said article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Bottle) "Rheumatism and Gout;" (circular) "A Positive Relief for Gouty and Rheumatic Affections. This is not recommended as a cure for all diseases, but simply as a reliable remedy for Rheumatism and Gout. Rheumatism is caused by the presence of acid in the blood, and is either Acute or Chronic. Lumbago, Intercostal, Articular, Muscular and Gout, are simply names applied when it affects different parts of the body. Chronic Rheumatism does not usually follow the Acute, but is more often an independent disease. It is seldom accompanied by fever, but in duration of the attack often proves long and obstinate. Welch's Aegopodium acts directly on the blood, eradicating this excess of acid, and carrying it out of the system, and by thus removing the original cause of the trouble, the relief is more speedy and more lasting. \* \* \* [Testimonials in circular] I have had the Rheumatism for four months in the hands and feet; have tried everything, but nothing did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of your Aegopodium. Have taken two bottles; and at work every day, and do cheerfully recommend it to all sufferers. \* \* \* In grateful thanks for the wonderfully successful manner your famous Aegopodium cured me of what was considered an incurable case of Rheumatism. \* \* \* For seventeen weeks I suffered from the agonizing pangs of rheumatism, during the greater part of which weary time I was utterly unable to turn in bed without assistance, the slightest movement causing me to suffer the most excruciating agony. \* \* \* I left the hospital in July (still uncured), \* \* \* I feel that I cannot too strongly recommend this really wonderful medicine too much and should you decide on using this grateful testimonial, and it meets the eye of any poor martyr to this painful disease, I honestly assure all such, that Welch's Aegopodium is a safe, certain and speedy cure for rheumatism, and would be cheap at Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars a bottle. \* \* \* I purchased a bottle of your Aegopodium for Rheumatism from Captain Morehead, of the American schooner 'Cocheoko,' on the west coast of Africa last November. At that time I was feeling very bad with Rheumatism, and it cured me. \* \* \* This is to certify that I suffered with Lumbago, commonly called 'crick in the back,' for over two months, six weeks under a physician's care, two weeks at the famous Beck's Hot Springs, near Salt Lake City. In fact, I went there on crutches, and while \* \* \* a friend \* \* \* recommended your famous medicine—Welch's Aegopodium—the same has cured him. I immediately obtained a bottle, and, after a few doses, obtained so much relief, that I returned home, leaving my crutches behind me at the Springs, and to-day am able to resume my run on the road, \* \* \* I have been a constant sufferer from Sciatic

Rheumatism for nearly five (5) years, \* \* \* upon using one (1) bottle of your Aegopodium I was surprised, and you may be certain very much grateful to find myself almost, if not quite free of all Rheumatic symptoms. \* \* \* I have been troubled with Gout and Rheumatism for the last two (2) years so that I could hardly move about \* \* \* until a friend sent me two bottles of W. C. Welch, M. D., & Co's Aegopodium, a positive cure for Rheumatism and Gout which helped me at once. \* \* \* I was suffering with a severe attack of Neuralgia during one of my trips through the Southern Country, and had been unable to obtain any relief. A friend on the train having a bottle of Welch's Aegopodium induced me to try the same. The effect was marvelous. The first dose gave me almost immediate relief, and in the course of a few hours felt as well as ever. \* \* \* I have had Rheumatism in my legs and feet for the last two months. \* \* \* I was induced to try your Aegopodium; three bottles cured me completely. \* \* \* I have suffered intensely for six (6) months with Rheumatism, and could not move only with help. I lay helpless in bed for two (2) months, and my limbs could be only moved with the aid of sheets in and out of bed. \* \* \* I was recommended by a friend to try Welch's Aegopodium. \* \* \* but, before I had taken one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) a bottle, I could see it was doing me good, and to-day I am all well, thanks to Aegopodium. \* \* \* I have had the Rheumatism in my knees and shoulder for the last four months, \* \* \* few doses of your Aegopodium has cured me. \* \* \* I had the Rheumatism in my arms so that I had to leave off work. I took two doses of your medicine and am all right. \* \* \* I had the Rheumatism in my arms and neck, and two or three doses cured me. \* \* \* For twenty-two (22) weeks I was laid up with Rheumatism \* \* \* did not in that time earn one dollar, \* \* \* I was asked by a friend to try a sample bottle of your medicine. It helped me so much that I bought two bottles and am now entirely cured, \* \* \* I had the Rheumatism for two years \* \* \* but could get no relief until I tried Aegopodium, I am now able to do light work. \* \* \* For four months I was unable to dress myself and could not sleep. Six doses of Welch's Aegopodium has made a new man of me, left me as well as ever. I am 68 years of age \* \* \* I had suffered terribly with Sciatic Rheumatism, unable to sleep night or day \* \* \* I was induced to buy a bottle of your Aegopodium. In less than 24 hours I obtained relief, and in a few days was able to be about. I consider myself completely cured \* \* \* I came in your office on crutches suffering from Rheumatism of five month's standing. \* \* \* Your medicine has done me more good than all others. I have abandoned my crutches and consider myself completely cured."

On November 19, 1930, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**17800. Misbranding of Adropsedema. U. S. v. 10 Packages of Adropsedema. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 25209. I. S. No. 6844. S. No. 3430.)**

Examination of samples of a drug product known as Adropsedema from the herein-described interstate shipment having shown that the labels bore claims of curative and therapeutic properties that the article did not possess, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On October 15, 1930, the said United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 10 packages of Adropsedema, remaining in the original unbroken packages at New Orleans, La., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Van Seaton Chemical Co., Ft. Worth, Tex., on or about June 7, 1930, and had been transported from the State of Texas into the State of Louisiana, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that the tablets consisted essentially of metallic iron, small amounts of extracts of plant drugs, including scoparius and gelsemium.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding its curative or therapeutic effects, borne on the carton and can labels, were false and fraudulent: (Carton) "Adropsedema \* \* \* The Dependable Heart Tonic;" (can) "Adropsedema \* \* \* A Scientific Remedy for the Relief of general Dropsical Conditions \* \* \* A.